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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 17 - FOOD PROBLEMS - OUTCOME OF AFRICAN  
INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD RESOLUTION - L.532/REV. 1

REF: A. GENEVA 6116 B. STATE 187113 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: AFTER UNDERGOING MAJOR DELETIONS AND REVISIONS  
AS A RESULT OF STRONG OBJECTIONS VOICED BY THE US AND OTHER  
WEOS IN THE POLICY AND PROGRAM COORDINATION COMMITTEE, A REVISION  
OF SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED AND ADOPTED WITHOUT  
A VOTE BY THE PPCC ON 2 AUGUST. TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS REVISED  
AND ADOPTED IS REPRODUCED AS PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF THIS TELEGRAM.  
END SUMMARY

2. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PPCC DEBATE OF THIS RESOLUTION  
THE UK DELEGATE FORMALLY ASKED THE EGYPTIAN SPONSOR TO WITHDRAW  
THE RESOLUTION AND TO REFER IT TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. EGYPT  
REFUSED TO WITHDRAW ITS RESOLUTION AND LONG, DIFFICULT DEBATE  
ON THE RESOLUTION ENSUED.

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2. THE US DELEGATION (KITCHEN) TOOK THE LEAD - FOUR SEPARATE INTERVENTIONS - IN POINTING OUT THE NUMEROUS MAJOR PARLIAMENTARY, LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND POLICY DIFFICULTIES FOR THE UN, THE WFC AND UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES THAT WERE CONTAINED IN L.532 AS ORIGINALLY TABLED.

3. THE DELEGATION OF EGYPT AND THE OBNOXIOUS OBSERVER FROM GUINEA (CAMARA) FIRST ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN (EGYPT) AND REFUTE (GUINEA) THE LONG LIST OF DIFFICULTIES THE US HAD SET OUT WERE CONTAINED IN L.532 IN DESCRIBING WHY IT WAS NOT RIPE FOR A FINAL DECISION BY THE PPCC.

4. AFTER ANOTHER HOUR OF DEBATE IN WHICH ITALY AND THE FRG INDICATED THEY TOO HAD MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE TEXT, EGYPT DECIDED THAT MORE INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE RESOLUTION WAS REQUIRED.

5. THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION THEN MET WITH THE UK DELEGATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A NUMBER OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND WORKED OUT A CONSENSUS TEXT, L.532 REVISION ONE, THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED IN THE PPCC BY EGYPT AND ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.

6. COMMENT: WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN PREAMBULAR PARA THREE, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS ONE, THREE, AND FIVE AND THE DELETION OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FOUR OF L.532, THE US DELEGATION BELIEVES ALL THE MAJOR PROBLEMS RAISED FOR THE US AND THE WFC BY L.532 AS ORIGINALLY TABLED HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

7. BEGIN TEXT  
FOOD PROBLEMS

REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY EGYPT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77  
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING RESOLUTION XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE CREATION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE REGIONAL BODIES,

RECALLING FURTHER PARAGRAPH 4 (F) OF RESOLUTION XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE FULL CO-OPERATION WHICH SHOULD EXIST

BETWEEN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL BODIES TO FORMULATE AND FOLLOW UP POLICIES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND THAT THESE BODIES BE SERVICED BY EXISTING UNITED NATIONS OR FAO BODIES IN THE REGION CONCERNED.

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS ESTABLISHED THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD WHOSE FUNCTIONS AND MANDATE IN THE AFRICAN REGION ARE IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THAT IT CO-OPERATES WITH THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT WFC/L.8 ON THE REPORT OF THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD (DOCUMENTS WFC/28 AND WFC/L.16);

2. REQUESTS ALL APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION, PARTICULARLY ECA, FAO, WFP, WHO, WMO AND UNDP TO INTENSIFY THEIR CO-OPERATION WITH THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD;

3. REQUESTS ALL RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORKING IN AFRICA TO SERVICE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA, THE MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND THE THREE EXPERTS COMMITTEES, NAMELY THE FOOD SECURITY AND PROGRAMMES, THE ECONOMIC AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEES, AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO ASSIST THEM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR TASKS;

4. INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AT ITS THIRD SESSION TO THIS MATTER. END TEXT. CATTO

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